



2 Sides Are Better Than 1

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), approximately 35 percent of the municipal solid waste stream (MSW) is made up of paper, cardboard and paperboard products. Paper makes up the largest portion of the municipal waste stream and also is one of the most recovered materials. We use a lot of paper at DHEC and last year we recycled 394 tons of paper and cardboard.

Another way to reduce our footprint is to conserve the paper we use by making double-sided prints and copies, making edits on-screen instead of on hard copies, using narrower margins and smaller fonts and making only the number of copies you need. **You CAN make a difference!**

The Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling has available posters for print rooms and stickers to put on copiers with the two sides are better than one message. See the attached poster and sticker. For more information or to get your supplies, please call Diane Marlow, DHEC's recycling coordinator, at 803-896-4158 or marlowda@dhec.sc.gov.

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